

Washington, DC - Congressman John Adler announced his support for a bipartisan effort to provide homeowners with additional property tax relief next year. The Property Tax Relief Act allows all homeowners to deduct their property taxes. Currently, only taxpayers that itemize their taxes are allowed to take this deduction, yet approximately 55% of New Jersey residents do not itemize their taxes.

"New Jersey homeowners pay too much in taxes, and this legislation will provide needed relief," Congressman Adler said. **"This bill will reduce rising tax burdens for middle class families and seniors. In Congress, I am committed to helping find ways to reduce property taxes and bring tax relief to households and small businesses."**

Congressman Adler sponsored the bipartisan Property Tax Relief Act of 2009 in an effort to provide federal tax relief against soaring local taxes. The average New Jersey property tax bill is over \$7,000 - the highest in the country.

To help lower property taxes, Congressman Adler is also working with local elected officials to bring more federal funding back to New Jersey, which will ease the strain on local budgets. New Jersey ranks in the top three for federal taxes paid per capita, but last in the country in the amount of federal dollars, per capita, received. Finally, Congressman Adler opposes unfunded federal mandates that force local governments to raise taxes to comply with the mandates.